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ATV crash claims teen's life

An ATV accident Sunday, March 19, in Kinston claimed the life of a teenager.

John Parker "JP" Howerton, age 13, died as a result of injuries he sustained from an ATV crash, according to Coffee County Coroner Arnold Woodham. He said Howerton was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

Woodham said the ATV, in which Howerton was operating, seemingly rolled over on Gilmer Street around 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, and the teen was killed.



Reportedly, there was another female juvenile involved in the crash with Howerton, but authorities said that youngster was not injured.

Howerton was a student at Samson Middle School in Samson, Ala. Funeral services are planned for Friday, March 24, at Samson First Baptist Church [see obituary on Page 3].



THE VEHICLE SHOWN ABOVE WAS DAMAGED IN A TWO-VEHICLE CRASH early Wednesday morning, March 15, at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 125 around the 8 a.m. hour. Reportedly, the vehicle captured above was waiting to make a turn when it was hit in the rear by a second vehicle. The accident was investigated by Elba Police. There did not appear to be any personal injury to those involved in the crash, only vehicle damages.

ALEA launches "Think Smart Before You Start Spring

Monday, March 20, marked the first official day of spring, meaning vacation and spring break travel plans are on the rise.

While the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) will continue to focus on dangerous driving behaviors such as speeding, following too closely and distracted driving, a top priority this year during 'Spring Break' is impaired driving and the dangers of opioids.

"Governor Kay Ivey announced during the annual State of the State Address that she has tasked ALEA with combatting dangerous opioids such as Fentanyl, through the State's Drug Task Force," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor. "The opioid crisis is a growing issue across the nation, and it affects our communities, schools and our loved ones. I would like to reassure the citizens of Alabama that this is a top priority of ALEA and we will continue to viciously combat the opioid epidemic through all areas of law enforcement to preserve public safety. This includes targeted enforcement initiatives reducing both drug trafficking as well as impaired driving, in conjunction with educational campaigns and community outreach programs."

Troopers along with Special Agents within ALEA's State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) regularly partner with local schools and other organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA) and the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage and Control (ABC) Board to conduct educational events across the state including the Fatal Vision Program, Operation Save Teens and ABC's Underage, Under Arrest Program. All three programs provide insight to the dangers of driving while impaired.

Spring Break for Elba City Schools and Coffee County Schools will be observed next week, March 27 - 31, 2023.

All are encouraged to have fun but be safe in travel and activities!

paired and the consequences of consuming alcohol and drugs. SBI utilizes goggles within its Fatal Vision program which simulate the effects of two different types of impairment, one which simulates the impairment of drugs and the other alcohol. Since the beginning of the current fiscal year, ALEA Special Agents and Troopers have conducted 107 of these specialized community outreach events.

Director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS), Colonel Jon Archer said, "Driving while impaired by any substance, legal or illegal, puts all motorists on Alabama roadways at risk. While spring break, prom and other seasonal activities are around the corner, we encourage parents to take this opportunity to

speak directly to their children about the dangers of opioids at parties or other social gatherings and have a real conversation about the dangers of driving while impaired. To the students, we ask that you please 'think smart before you start this spring break' and speak up if you see a friend or loved one preparing to drive impaired."

Many substances can impair driving, including alcohol, marijuana, opioids, methamphetamines, or any potentially impairing drug—prescribed or over the counter. Alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs can impair the ability to drive because they slow coordination, judgment, and reaction times. Cocaine and methamphetamine can lead to aggressive and reckless driving behaviors.

Using two or more drugs at the same time, including alcohol, can amplify the impairing effects of each drug a person has consumed. Some prescription and even over-the-counter medicines can cause extreme drowsiness, dizziness, and have other side effects that diminish an individual's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Citizens should read and follow all warning labels before driving and note that warnings against "operating heavy machinery" include driving a vehicle.

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Area Happenings

Elba Elementary School Kindergarten Registration will be Thursday, March 23, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., and Friday, March 24, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Registration will be held in the EES Conference Room. Parents/Guardians should bring the child's birth certificate, shot record, Social Security card, parent/guardian identification, and proof of residency.

A Young Adult Easter Bash (Ages 16 & Up) will be held Sunday, April 2, at Gilded Oaks, located at 9 County Rd. 517, Elba. This event is hosted by the American Legion Post 73. Gates will open at 7 p.m., and the 'nighttime' Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 8 p.m. There also will be food truck on site. Cost to participate is \$25 per person, and prizes will be given away. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or from any American Legion member.

The Coffee County Relay for Life will hold the annual Survivor Dinner on Monday, April 17, from 6-8 p.m. Call 334-372-5865 for information. Also, the annual Relay for Life Walk will be Friday, April 21, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Bates Memorial Stadium in Enterprise, Ala.



ELBA JV TIGERS GET WIN IN FINAL HOME GAME OF SEASON... The Elba Junior Varsity baseball team's 2023 season came to an end earlier this week, and the Tigers gave the home crowd plenty to cheer about Monday evening, March 20, when they claimed an 8-5 win over New Brockton. On Tuesday, the JV Tigers closed out the season with an away game in Flora. Above, Elba second baseman Cole Shehee protects the bag as Levi Martin gets ready to deliver a pitch to homeplate. See "Sports" on pages 8 & 9 for more local baseball/softball coverage.

Elba Public Library hosts author Jeffrey K. Smith

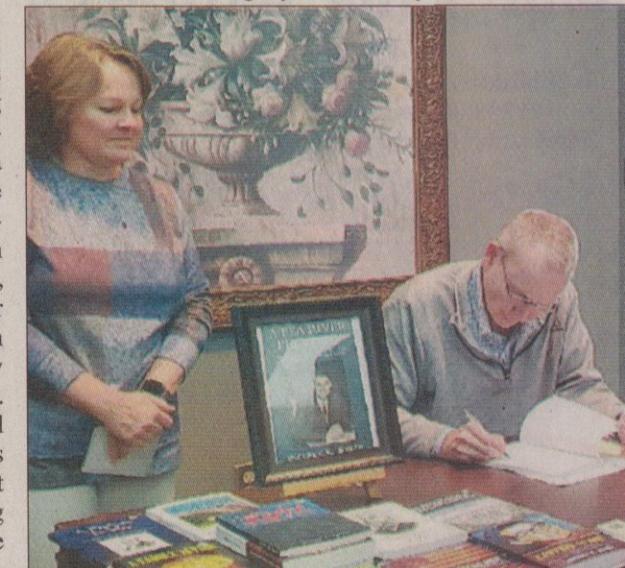
The Elba Public Library hosted author Jeffrey K. Smith, an Enterprise, Ala. native, last Friday March 17, for a reception and book talk.

Smith's latest published work is entitled, "A Pea River Progeny: Alabama's Colorful and Controversial Governor James E. 'Big Jim' Folsom," and he left a memorable legacy in

his wake."

Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong said the local library was honored to host Smith for this event, and she thanked all the community members that came out to talk with and listen to the author.

"The man who served as Alabama's 43rd and 45th governor revolutionized gubernatorial campaign strategies," Smith said. "He left a memorable legacy in



Author Jeffrey K. Smith is shown above signing a copy of his latest book last Friday at the Elba Public Library.



SHOPPERS AT THE ELBA FOOD GIANT GOT MORE THAN A BARGAIN one recent Wednesday afternoon as a motorist failed to stop in time and ran into the building! As shown above, the incident caused significant damage to the building, which has since been temporarily repaired. According to witnesses, there were no injuries to people reported however.



FORESTRY LANDOWNERS TOUR...On Friday, March 10, a landowner's tour was held at the property of Ted Vignola [County Rd. 364, Elba]. The tour was sponsored by the Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Coffee County Conservation District, the Alabama Natural Resources Council, the Alabama Forestry Commission, Alabama Forestry Association, Turkeys for Tomorrow, Alabama Forestry Foundation, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This was our largest group ever, a total of 86 attending. Vignola's primary objective with his property is to provide sustained income from timber through proper forest management techniques with emphasis on saw timber. His secondary objective, other than recreation, is enhancing the wildlife population through maintaining wildlife openings while supplying adequate cover for desired wildlife species. Vignola's farm consists of 177 acres with a total of 157 acres in managed pines. During the tour, several interesting subjects were discussed including Drones in Forestry, Pond Management, Hog Management, and Tree Varieties. After lunch, the group enjoyed door prizes including a shotgun!



MASTER GARDENERS DO LANDSCAPE WORK AT HABITAT HOUSE...Members of the Coffee County Master Gardener's Association designed and planted shrubs, knock-out roses, Liriope (monkey grass) and flowers around the front entrance of the 26th Habitat House that is to be dedicated in Coffee County. Special thanks to Premium Petals and Landscape Farm in New Brockton for generously donating six Yaupon Hollies and two Burford Hollies for this project. Shown in photo from left - Ed Speigner, Jacque Hawkins, Brenda Evans, Anne Williams and CCMGA President Rodney Penel. The dedication and handing over of the keys is scheduled for Sunday, March 26, at 4 p.m., at 512 Rawls Street, Enterprise, Ala.

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In addition to under-age drinking and drugs, parents and teens should be aware of candy laced with cannabis, fentanyl and other substances that are manufactured and packaged to look like actual candy. The packaging may only have small changes in spelling and may include such terms as "medicated," "THC" and "60 Minute Activation Time."

Fentanyl is considered a powerful synthetic (lab-made) opioid that is FDA-approved to treat severe pain related to surgery or complex pain conditions. Over the past decade, fentanyl that is made and distributed illegally and other illegally made synthetic opioids are increasingly being found in the drug supply.

ADPH
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tion or enzyme replacement therapy may be effective for treating ADA-SCID if started early.

Close coordination is needed for newborn screening follow-up. For these two conditions, the ADPH is partnering with the University of Alabama at Birmingham to evaluate and to confirm diagnosis, and ADPH provides information to healthcare providers and families for appropriate treatment.

The ADPH Bureau of Clinical Laboratories is the sole provider of blood analysis of newborn screening in Alabama. The Alabama Newborn Screening Program identifies 150-200 babies each year with a metabolic, endocrine, hematological or other congenital disorder. These babies usually look and act healthy at birth.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/heritable-disorders/ruspan> <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/newbornscreening/index.html>

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There's nothing more heartbreaking than when a young child loses a parent. For the surviving parent, who must help their child navigate grief while also going through their own season of mourning, it can be an especially challenging circumstance.

In fact, many parents believe their primary role is to protect their child from feelings of intense sadness, and to project an image of strength; as such, they try to keep their grief private. Actually, it can be healthy for your child to see you shed tears or mourn in some other way. It helps them to understand what they are going through is normal, and it's okay for them to express their sadness in whatever way is natural to them.

Some parents also try to avoid the topic of grief, leaving it as the unmentioned elephant in the room. Again, this inclination comes from a good place, but may actually be counterproductive. If your child feels like they cannot talk about death or grief, the effect can be isolating. Always be ready to ask questions and have conversations, but let the child set the tone; if they're not yet ready to talk, there's no need to force it.

More than anything, it matters that you listen and you reassure your child that you love them and are going to take care of them. Journey with them through stages of grieving, understanding the death of a parent is never anything you "get over." At the same time, try to create a sense of normalcy; maintain as many of your regular rituals and activities as possible, helping your child see that even in grief, there are still things to feel joyful about.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

JO ANNE JONES

Mrs. Jo Anne Jones, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, March 17, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is assisting the Jones family with arrangements.

Survivors include her husband: Ruben Dwayne Jones, Elba; daughters: Leigh Ann (Ricardo) Medina, Dothan, and Melissa (Bobby) Bowden, Elba; granddaughter: Olivia Medina, and grandson: Gabriel Medina, both of Dothan; sister: Donna (Mickey) Driggers, Elba; brothers: Tim (Sherry) Morrow, Cusseta, Ga.; and David (Debra) Morrow, Mobile, Ala.

LUVENIA HAGLER BLUDSWORTH

Mrs. Luvencia Hagler Bludsworth, age 92, a resident of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Friday, March 17, 2023, at her home Friday.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 20, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Jarred Stanley officiating. Burial services followed in the Haw Hill Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Bludsworth was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Bludsworth; father, Ervin Emmitt Hagler; mother, Vera Webster Reeder; sons, Jon Isaac Bludsworth and Vic Bludsworth; daughter, Linda Curtis; and seven brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her sons: Reb Bludsworth, Eufaula, Ala., and Ric Bludsworth, Elba; daughter: Shirley Scofield, New Brockton, Ala.; sisters: Ruby Strickland, Enterprise, Ala., and Christine Carr, Ozark, Ala.; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN PARKER HOWERTON

John Parker "JP" Howerton, age 13, of Samson, Ala., died Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 24, 2023, at 3 p.m., at Samson First Baptist Church with Rev. Danny Branch officiating. Burial will follow at Travelers Rest Cemetery with Warren Holloway Ward Funeral Home of Geneva directing. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday beginning at 1 p.m.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucille Harris Bracey and Earl Thomas Bracey Sr.; and sister, Judy Chandler. Survivors include his

School who enjoyed playing all sports and spending time with his friends. He was an "all around" young man who loved fishing, hunting, knives, riding bicycles, swimming and going to the beach.

JP was preceded in death by his grandmother, Nancy Maloy; great-grandparents, Victor and Betty Jo Maloy, Bill and Wylene Howerton, Butch Parrish, and Billy Thomas.

Survivors include his loving parents: Brittany Howerton, Samson, Ala., Scotty Howerton, Coffee Springs, Ala., and Barney McCrummen (Courtney), Kinston, Ala.; siblings: Payton Howerton, Ollie-Mae McCrummen and Mary-Heath McCrummen; grandparents: Johnny Mock (Cheryl), Samson, Kelley Steadman, Opp, Ala., Scott Braizer, Detroit, Mich., Mary McCrummen, Samson; great-grandparents: Mary Parrish, Samson; Doval Mock (Pat), Coffee Springs, and Ethel Thomas, Samson; along with a number of special aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family and friends.

EARL THOMAS BRACEY JR.

Mr. Earl Thomas "Tommy" Bracey Jr., age 76, of the Curtis Community, died Monday, March 20, 2023, in Mizell Memorial Hospital, Opp, Ala.

Born to the late Bub Knox and Pastine Tubbs Cole, he was a lifelong member of the Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Winston received his early education in Elba where he graduated from the Department of Vocational Agriculture offered by Elba Colored High School. He went on to become a master craftsman as a brick mason and carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his children: Gail Knox Rinehart, Phylis Key, Leon Patrick Knox Sr. (Veilka); parents: Bub Knox and Pastine Tubbs Cole; and siblings: Louie Frank White, and Betty Jean Knox.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Alice Knox; children: Andrew Jerome Seabon, Lake Wales, Fla., Jeff Knox, Troy, Ala., Keith Hayes (Patricia), Montgomery, Ala., Steffon Knox (Karen), Fayetteville, NC, Deon Knox, Elba, Malcolm Knox (Cinnamon), Houston, Texas, Demetrius Knox (Sherwana), Leonardtown, Md., Lisa Lee, Enterprise, Ala., Tonya Collins (Orlando), Rehobeth, Ala., and Shanika Pruitt, Elba; his siblings: Inez Fincher (Chico), Atlanta, Ga., Wilford Knox (Shelma), Elba, Cynthia Echols (Michael), Conyers, Ga.; and a host of grand and great-grandchildren, relatives, and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 2 p.m. at New Ebenezer Baptist Church with Bro. Randall Pearson officiating. Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service (New Ebenezer Baptist Church, 3132 Hwy 141, Elba, AL 36323).

Flowers will be accepted, or memorials may be made in his memory to Frank Jackson State Park, 100 Jerry Adams Rd., Opp, AL 36323.

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WINSTON KNOX

Mr. Winston Knox of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, March 9, 2023.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 18, 2023, from the Coleman Funeral Home Chapel, Elba.

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CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Kit Johnson, Pastor

Elba First Baptist Church

God's Word offers specific instructions, illustrations, and examples (specifically that of Jesus' life) on how Christians should treat others. We know to take care of orphans and widows. Our good works are not reserved for these alone; Jesus reminds us to not only love God, but also our neighbor in Luke 10.

The parable of the good Samaritan reveals that anyone and everyone is our neighbor. Additionally, Matthew 25 identifies a few ways we can serve our neighbors in Jesus' parable about the sheep and the goats.

As a reminder, Matthew 25:34-36 reads, "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

A friend and I recently had an opportunity to visit with an elderly couple. I was reminded of a few of these passages as we fellowshiped together. We sometimes overcomplicate what it means to do "for the least of these" as Jesus goes on to identify those in need. We think doing for these involves opening our homes to strangers or visiting prison; while God can prompt one to do such things, the above is not an exhaustive list. The King's reply in Matthew 25:40 begins with, "Truly I tell you, WHATEVER you did..."

You see, God can use you to make a difference in the life of another in too many ways to count. It is up to us to seek the Lord's will in each situation. He will help you discern how to best love/serve Him through your loving/serving others. Take time to call that person you haven't heard from lately to remind them they are loved. Invite someone to lunch. Bake someone cookies. Ask if you can pray for them. This is just a reminder that we should be known by our love (John 13:35). Love family, friends, and strangers because they are all your neighbors.

Food pantry/clothing closet to be open March 25th at G.N.Z.M.B.C.

The Greater New Zion public Saturday, March 25, Missionary Baptist Church from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Food Pantry and Clothing Closet will be open to the

The church is located at 720 E Davis Street, Elba.

Mount Zion Baptist Church will host April 1st Kids' Activity Day

Mount Zion Baptist Church, located at 774 County Rd 223 – Mixons Crossroads, in New Brockton, Ala., will host a Kids' Activity Day for Easter on Saturday, April 1, from 1-5 p.m.

There will be food, crafts, games, songs, an egg hunt, a skit, and much more as the Easter story is explored. Registration is required. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/230724762191152> or email: mountzionbaptistchurch.mixons@gmail.com

NOTICE:

Anyone age 60 or over needing a meal, or for questions about the Elba Senior Center or SARCOA, call the center at (334) 897-3019.

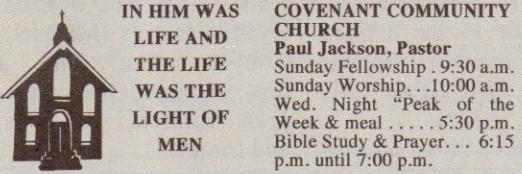
Share Your upcoming Church events for Easter with the Community!

Email: clipperace@troycable.net



LUNCHEON PILOTS HONOR TRANSPORTATION PERSONNEL... The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise chose the personnel assigned to the Enterprise City Schools Center, i.e. Bus Barn, to honor on the Enterprise ("E") Day of Service. Members donated baked goods that filled the four round tables in the break room of the transportation Center for the 70 personnel assigned to ECSC. Members delivering the baked goods from left: Bonnie Gilmore; Caroline Gebhart; Fran Walters; LPCE President Brandy Woodham; Transportation and Maintenance Bookkeeper with ECSC Lori Beth Whatley; Debbie Godfrey; Debbie Shelton and Jacque Hawkins.

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship ... 9:30 a.m.

Sun. School ... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" & meal ... 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer ... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WED. PRAYER MEET 7:30 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night ... 5:00 p.m.

Thur. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night ... 6:00 p.m.

Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Steve Renau, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Levell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

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Mark Cooper, Pastor

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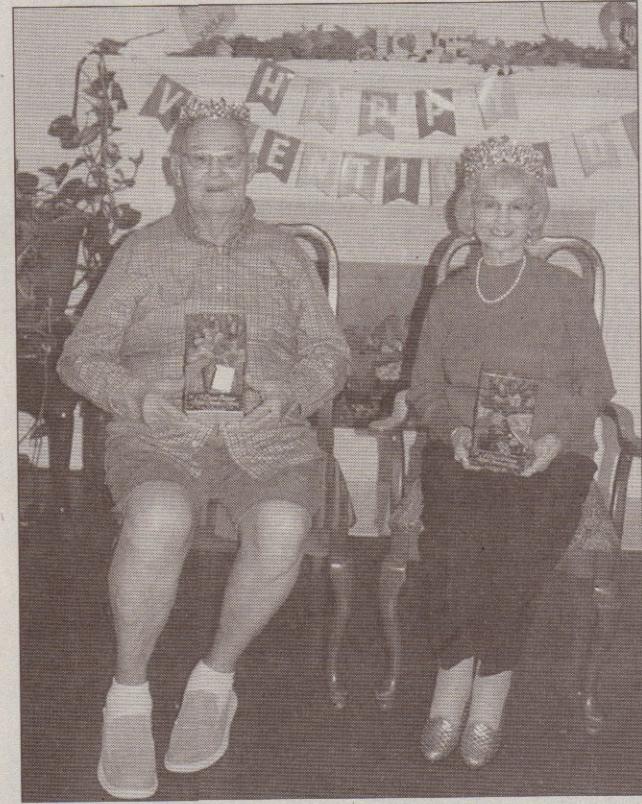
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LIFESTYLES

"Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m. This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery. For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.



The residents of Serenity South Senior Living, the assisted living center formerly known as Taylor Mill Oaks, in Elba chose a "King and Queen" for their Valentine's Day celebration in February. This year, Dan Jacobs was crowned king of the event while Fay Johnson was crowned queen. Reportedly, lots of fun was had by all during the day's special celebration.



A small group of classmates from the Elba High School Class of 1967 gathered Wednesday, March 15, at Annie's Comfort Kitchen in Elba for lunch. The classmates try to "get-together" for lunch at least quarterly to eat and catch up with one another. Those making last week's gathering included (from left, around the table) Sam Faulk, John Lawless, Al English, Larry Sanders, Hayward Boutwell, and Randle Hodge.



On Wednesday, March 15, Jennifer Amlong, director of the Elba Public Library, visited the New Hope Senior Center to help the seniors celebrate Dr. Seuss month. Amlong read the story, *You're Only Old Once!* The seniors enjoyed the story and had the chance to draw their own Dr. Seuss characters. The character names ranged from Fantastic Fluffy Fannessa and Blooming Flower Shower to Mr. Tree Top, Happy Harry, and Laughing Louise. It was a wonderful experience for all, and the seniors from the New Hope Senior Citizens Center thank Mrs. Amlong for taking the time to visit the center and share with them!

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EHS CLASS OF '66

The Elba High School Class of 1966 members gathered Tuesday morning, March 14, for their monthly breakfast social at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba. A total of 16 participated in this month's gathering, and all reportedly had a great time. Those seated at the ladies' table were: Sara Warr Strong, Pam Vaughan Baker, Judy Galimore Brown, Clevis Bowden Ammons, and Lenore Anglin Tanner; and those seated at the men's table were: Terry Calhoun, Jerome Blackmon, Bobby Edmondson, David Blackmon, Jackey Tindol, Merrill Shirley, Kenneth Baker, Jerry Brown, John Lawless, Neal Hutto, and Harry Young.

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.



SPECIAL MEETING FOR ELBA MASONIC LODGE...Members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held a special called meeting Thursday, March 9, to pass Brother Steven Scott Hunko. All in attendance enjoyed the fellowship and work. Those pictured include: [front, l to r] Mike Amison, Harry Young, Steven Scott Hunko, W/M Wendell Black, Blake Austin, Allan Crenshaw, and Matthew Brunson Jr.; [middle, l to r] Matthew Brunson Sr., Daniel Stephens, Michael Phelps, Eddie Kelley, and Joel Moore; [back, l to r] Tommy Morrow, Drexell Richards, and Jack Caradine.

Troy University library hosting Holocaust traveling exhibition

Troy University's Troy Campus Library is one of 50 U.S. libraries selected to host Americans and the Holocaust, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. The touring library exhibition — will be on display March 20 – April 24. There will be political memorabilia from the era included in this exhibit.

"This is a Holocaust exhibit, but it is about the American response to the Holocaust," said TROY Professor Dr. Dan Puckett, who serves as Chair of the Alabama Holocaust Commission. "Many Americans don't know a great deal about the Holocaust, but they know even less about how America responded to it." In addition to the exhibit, the library will host a lecture series and a workshop to aid teachers in teaching about the Holocaust. The lectures scheduled are:

- March 30, 12 noon – 1 p.m., Ann Mollengarden, "My Father's Story"
- April 3, 12 noon – 1 p.m., Lisa Leff, "The Archive Thief: The Man Who Salvaged French

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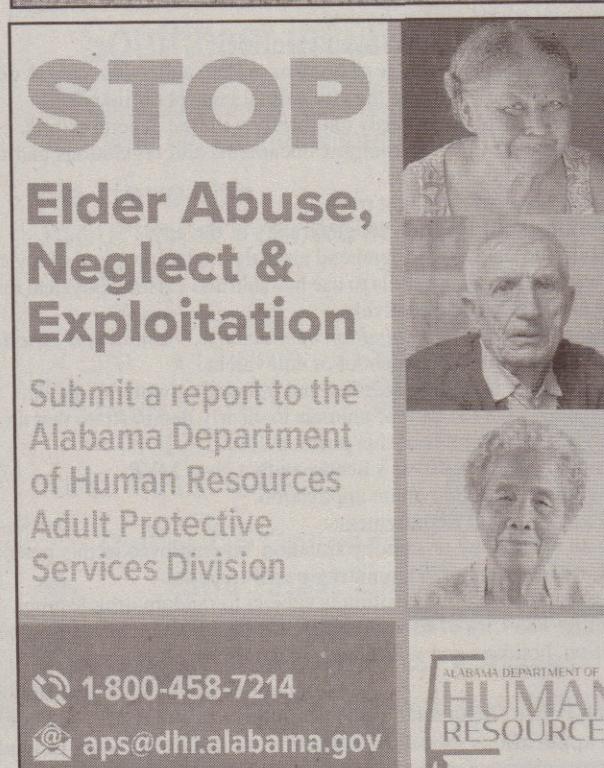
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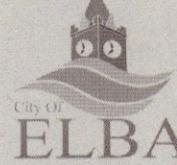
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- Keep logs on work and issues
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Applications are available at:

Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL or at www.elbaal.gov

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EOE

The City of Elba is accepting applications for:

Animal Control Officer

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Job Summary: This position involves field, minor administrative and custodial work in enforcing ordinances relating to animals and their care. The work involves responsibility for operating and maintaining the city animal shelter. It also involves responsibility for catching and confining stray, diseased or injured animals. Duties require the exercise of considerable independent judgment in public contact and enforcement problems. Work assignments are usually received in terms of complaints involving the violation of the animal ordinances. Work is performed under the general administrative direction of a supervisor who reviews reports on activities.

Examples of Work Performed:

(all duties may not be assigned to all employees in this position, nor does this list necessarily include all tasks which may be assigned to employees in this position)

- Directs the operation of an animal shelter, including the care, sale, adoption or other disposition of animals.
- Prepares records and reports on unit operations to include reports on animals received and the disposition of each.
- Feeds, waters, and cares for animals in the shelter, cleans and keeps shelter in a sanitary condition.
- Answers calls to investigate complaints of vicious, diseased, or stray animals; completes police offense reports; enforces animal control ordinance.
- Picks up and brings to shelter, animals rulling at large or unwanted; destroys diseased, injured or unclaimed animals; decapitates animals suspected of rabies, packs heads and takes to State lab for testing.
- Picks up dead animals from the streets and veterinarians' offices; transports bodies of animals to landfill for proper sanitary disposal.
- Investigates complaints; completes police offense report when animal is in violation; enforce animal control ordinances.
- Cites violators who allow pets to run at large in city and swears out warrants for repeat violators.
- Operates a light truck.
- Handles public relations for animal control unit.
- Performs related work as required.

Required Knowledge, Skills & Experience:

- Considerable knowledge of humane animal collection, care & disposal methods and practices.
- Working knowledge of the city animal control ordinance.
- Ability to deal courteously and firmly with the general public.
- Ability to read fairly complex documents and regulations and to follow general and specific written verbal instructions.
- Ability to operate a light truck.
- Working knowledge of the geography of the city.
- Ability to humanely apprehend animals, including some of a vicious nature.
- Overall supervisory skills to use humane and existing physical resources accomplishing objectives efficiently and effectively.

Qualifications: (any combination of education, training and experience equivalent to)

- Graduation from high school or equivalent.
- Experience involving meeting and interacting with the public.
- Experience in the care of animals to clearly demonstrate that an applicant is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of this position.
- A valid Alabama driver's license with a clear MVR.
- A completed employment application.

Necessary Special Requirements:

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LEGAL NOTICE

S.A. Graham Company, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the City of Elba for construction of project Woodland Drive and Putnam Street Culvert Repairs in Elba, Alabama. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on March 9, 2023 and ending on March 30, 2023. All claims should be City Clerk of the City of Elba during this period.

JUDY G. WEBER,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of March, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 10th day of March, 2023.

S/A. Graham
Company, Inc.
3/9,16,23,30-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JUDITH N. REEVES,
DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC-2023-012

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JUDITH N. REEVES, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 28th day of February, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

1/s/ Toby Dean Reeves

TOBY DEAN REEVES

Personal Representative
3/9,16,23-chg

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

NED H. MADDOX

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted to Anthony W. Maddox, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ned H. Maddox, deceased, on the 14th day of March, 2023, by the Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

1/s/ Anthony W. Maddox

Personal Representative
3/23,30&4/6-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

RITA F. DUBISAR,

DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC-2023-011

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of March, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

1/s/ Toni Dewberry

TONI DEWBERRY

Personal Representative
3/23,30&4/6-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:

ALDINE DAVIS EVANS,

Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2023-015

TAKE NOTICE

Letters of Administration having been granted to Tommy Evans, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Aldine Davis Evans, deceased, on the 9th day of March, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

1/s/ Toni Dewberry

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DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-2023-016

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Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of March, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

1/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.

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CASE NO. PC 2023-017

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Witness my hand this the 14

day of March 2023

1/s/ RUSSELL WADE

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3/23,30 & 4-6-pd

IN THE

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I got the chance to eat 'lunchroom food' one day last week when I visited our grandson Lawson on grandparent's day at the Elba Elementary School, and while the garbage can was filled with hamburgers and fries, I thought the lunch was better than I had expected and almost cleaned my plate. I guess these students never heard of that infamous dish called 'chicken wiggle.'

For what it is worth....

*** It was another busy week for the Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers, but it was not a week either team will want to remember as both teams dropped key area contests. The Tigers had a chance to knock off seventh-ranked Florala, only to blow an eight-run sixth inning lead in a disappointing loss, while the Lady Tigers battled sixth-ranked Kinston to a 3-2 score heading into the fifth, but couldn't hold on and suffered their first area loss of the season. There are still a lot of games left on the schedule and I still expect both teams to be factors in the area races, they just need to pick up a couple of upset wins over quality opponents to realize how good they can be.

*** A look around the area found an interesting season getting even more interesting on both the baseball and softball fields. On the baseball diamond, New Brockton continued to be a team that is hard to figure out as it posted a 12-2 win over Brantley and then lost to Northside Methodist 3-2, while Kinston made some noise in the area with a sweep past Pleasant Home, Zion Chapel made it look easy in a double-header sweep past Abbeville and Brantley began to get well with a double-header sweep over Highland Home. It is still a little hard to predict which teams will still be around when the post-season starts, but they all have the potential to make some noise. Over on the softball field, Brantley continued to struggle to get past bigger teams and saw its record take a dip, but the Lady Bulldogs are still very much a 1A power and will be ready to roll as the schedule moves into area play. Kinston is ranked sixth in the state and has a solid team that has surprised some folks this season, while Zion Chapel may very well be one of the top 2A teams in the area and should make a lot of noise as the season progresses, and New Brockton is slowly getting better and better and will be just fine before long. Fans need to forget the score when they go to games and just cheer for their favorite teams, the cheering does make a difference.

*** I didn't really expect Alabama to win the SEC tournament and definitely didn't expect it to make the 'Sweet 16' of the NCAA tournament, yet the Crimson Tide is still around and is still playing like the #1 seed in the event. Alabama's quickness on both ends of the court is hard to attack and causes problems on both ends of the court, and it looks like the only thing that could stop a run to Houston may be a team that slows the game down and for the Tide to get cold from behind the arc. I am still surprised after every game they play, but I am still a Bama fan and am pulling for a national title in basketball. Auburn fans were disappointed in its second round loss in the NCAA tournament, especially since the games were being played in Birmingham. However, the Tigers played hard and probably went farther than they should have. Coach Bruce Pearl gets more out of his players than any coach in the nation and they all adopt his personality of being hard-nosed and aggressive, and that carries the team to lots of wins. Despite the less than impressive record, this may have been one of his best coaching performances on the plains.

*** It came as a surprise to many area football fans that former Elba Tiger head coach Ed Rigby had made the move to Luverne. Rigby left little 'ole Elba for 6A Eufaula a few years back and then headed to the capitol city to take over the reins at 6A Pike Road, but has seen his career go almost full circle and this season will be back coaching in the 2A ranks, where he was when he led Elba to back-to-back appearances in the state finals. I look for Coach Rigby to hang around Luverne for a while after a few years with the big boys, and wouldn't be surprised if he led his new team to a state title. Good luck Coach.

*** In closing.... It was announced last week that the Elba spring football jamboree would be held on May 18 at Tiger Stadium and would include the 1A Elba Tigers, 2A Goshen Eagles and 5A Carroll Eagles. The teams will play each other for two quarters, which will give the fans a lot of football to watch since the jamboree will consist of six quarters of football. Circle the date on your calendars now - football is just around the corner.

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Lady Tiger softball standout

Aimee Senn signs with Wallace C.C.

Elba Lady Tiger softball standout Aimee Senn said she had been dreaming about playing college softball since she was in the fifth grade. That dream came true last week when she signed to play with Wallace Community College!

"I have been playing softball pretty much all my life," said Senn, "and when I was in the fifth grade I knew I wanted to play college softball. My Dad and I have spent countless hours working to get better and it has paid off. I am excited to get the chance to continue playing at the college level and am grateful for Wallace for giving me the opportunity."

Aimee has spent countless hours working to get better ever since her days in the rec leagues and it proves that hard work pays off," said Elba Lady Tiger coach Melissa Mularz. "She began her softball career years ago as a middle infielder and then moved to catcher when we didn't have anybody to fill the position, and through hard work, dedication to her team and pride in her own self became a top notch high school catcher. She is not only a really good player, she is also



SIGNING DAY FOR SENN.... Elba Lady Tiger Aimee Senn signed a softball scholarship last week to continue her career at Wallace Community College, in Dothan. Attending the ceremony were (seated, l-r) Melanie Senn, Aimee Senn, Johnny Senn, (standing, l-r) Lady Tiger head coach Melissa Mularz, Coach Jeff Carpenter and Coach Anna Harrelson.

(Submitted photo)

a really good teammate, and is what the kind of player we as coaches love to have on our team. I am proud of Aimee and know she will be successful at Wallace."

Senn, the Lady Tigers leading hitter as a junior, has played travel ball in the summer for almost a decade and credits that to her team and pride in her own self became a top notch high school catcher. She is not only a really good player, she is also

"Playing travel ball can

be hard and take away a lot of your free time in the summer," added Senn, "but I got the chance to play all over the southeast against many of the top players in the nation, and it only made me better. The experience I got during the summer and fall on travel teams pushed me to get better, and even though nothing came easy, it helped me get to where I am now."

"I had planned to go to college and major in physical therapy when I didn't get a lot of offers from colleges," said Senn. "I thought this may be my last season playing softball, but I went to Wallace and after working out received an offer that I couldn't, and didn't want to refuse. It was an offer I had been hoping to get, and can't wait to play with the Lady Governors."

Tigers swept by Florala

Statistics by
GAMECHANGER

Florala 11 Elba 7

The Elba Tigers trailed only 7-6 after four innings, but couldn't turn back a late Florala rally and dropped an 11-7 decision to the Wildcats, in area play. Collin Arnold had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 RBI's to lead the Tigers, while JT Coleman added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Ty Sieving added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Collin Arnold, Ty Sieving and Cameron Gray combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on 11 hits and eight walks.

Florala 11 Elba 10

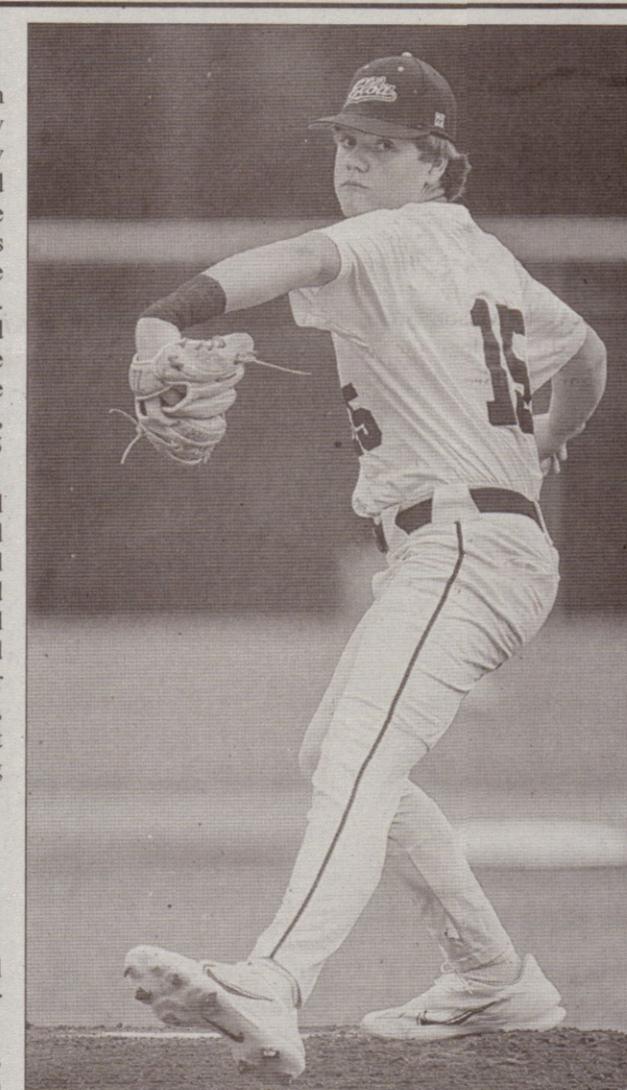
The Elba Tigers carried

an 8-0 lead into the sixth inning and led 10-3 only three outs away from a key area win, but only managed to record two outs in the bottom of the seventh as Florala rallied to escape with a wild 11-10 victory. Ty Sieving had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Cameron Gray added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 5 RBI's; JT Coleman added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 3 RBI's; and, Collin Arnold added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Ty Sieving and Cameron Gray combined to pitch six and two-third innings and allowed four earned runs on nine hits, two walks and two hit batters, while recording nine strikeouts.

Lady Tiger varsity and JV drop games to Kinston

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Kinston last Tuesday afternoon for a JV-varsity double-header and came home stinging from two losses as the Lady Tigers dropped a 12-2 decision and the JV Lady Tigers suffered a disappointing 10-9 loss.

In varsity action, the Lady Tigers scored two runs in the top of the fifth inning to pull within 3-2, but ever made it back to the plate as Kinston broke loose for nine runs in the bottom of the frame to claim a 12-2 win. Ana Caldwell had 1 hit and score 1 run to lead the Lady Tigers, while Aimee Senn added 1 hit and Alayvia Stinson scored 1 run. Zaniyah Mitchell and A'Lyric Whitfield combined to pitch four innings and allowed 10 earned runs on 10 hits and eight walks. Camdyn Norris led the Lady Bulldogs with 3 hits and 2 runs scored, while Cadence Elmore added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI; Byrne Kelley added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI's; Aubrie Brown added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI's; Lilli Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI; and, Jesikah Seay added 1 hit and scored 1 run.



Elba Tiger Brady Johnson (15) delivers a pitch in recent high school baseball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Tiger JV drop three games

Statistics by
GAMECHANGER

Luverne 11 Elba 2

The Elba Tigers saw an early 1-0 lead evaporate in an 11-2 loss to Luverne. Powell Bane had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Skylar Mitchell added 1 hit and Dylan Holley scored 1 run. Easton McElvy and Levi Martin combined to pitch three innings and allowed eight earned runs on nine hits and five walks.

Luverne 8 Elba 2

The Elba Tigers fell behind 6-0 early and saw a late rally fall far short in an 8-2 loss to Luverne. Jaden Baker had 2 hits to lead Elba, while Skylar Mitchell added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Dylan Holley scored 1 run. Easton McElvy and Levi Martin combined to pitch four innings and allowed one earned run on three hits and four walks, while striking out five.

added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Matthew McCart added 1 hit. Dylan Holley, Ky'Avian Stoudemire and Dywys Reynolds combined to pitch five innings and allowed six earned runs on five hits and nine walks, while recording four strikeouts.

Florala 7 Elba 2

The Elba Tigers trailed only 3-2 after three innings, but couldn't keep up late and dropped a 7-2 decision to Florala. Matthew McCart had 1 hit and Dywys Reynolds scored 1 run to lead the Tigers, while Powell Bane and Jaden Baker combined to pitch four innings and allowed one earned run on three hits and four walks, while striking out five.

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SPORTS NEWS

Statistics by GAMECHANGER

BASEBALL – VARSITY

New Brockton 12 Brantley 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored seven runs in the top of the first inning to take command and casted in with a 12-2 win over Brantley. Gabe Herrington had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Payton Green added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Kyle GaVette added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Jaxon Whitworth added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Hayden Pope added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Hunter Bedsole and Hunter White combined to pitch five innings and allowed one earned run on four hits and three walks, while striking out two. Jon Bush had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while Tyson Grant added 1 hit and 1 rbi. JH Kilcrease, Jordan Parks, Kaleb Weed and Cooper Layton combined to pitch five innings and allowed 10 earned runs on five hits and nine walks.

Luverne 8 Zion Chapel 7

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw an early 4-0 lead evaporate in an 8-7 loss to Luverne. Mason Stuart had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while John Foster Hamm added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Wes Braisted and Austin Jordan both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Wes Braisted and Mason Stuart combined to pitch six innings and allowed six earned runs on nine hits and seven walks.

Zion Chapel 19 Abbeville 0

The Zion Chapel Rebels scored 18 runs in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back to post a 19-0 area win over Abbeville. Wes Braisted had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Brodie Stinson added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Morgan Sanders added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Kavan Brown added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Joseph LeGear added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. John Foster Hamm pitched a three-inning no-hitter with seven strikeouts.

Kinston 16 Pleasant Home 6

The Kinston Bulldogs pulled out to a 10-2 third inning lead and rolled to a big 16-6 area win over Pleasant Home. Tripp Hawthorne had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while CJ Lunsford added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Cade Jones added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Owen Patterson added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, C. Tew added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Owen Patterson and Cade Jones combined to pitch six innings and allowed four earned runs on five hits and four walks, while striking out seven.

Zion Chapel 18 Abbeville 1

The Zion Chapel Rebels scored 11 runs in the bottom of the first inning and coasted in with an 18-1 area win over Abbeville. Mason Stuart had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Brodie Stinson and Morgan Sanders added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's, apiece; and, Wes Braisted added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi. Wes Braisted and Brady Flowers combined to pitch a three-inning no-hitter with six strikeouts.

Brantley 14 Highland Home 0

The Brantley Bulldogs scored 8 runs in the first inning to take command and rolled to a 14-0 win over Highland Home. Jordan Parks had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while Kendrick Welch added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Jayden Parks and JR Fisher both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, JH Kilcrease scored 3 runs. Jayden Parks pitched a complete game three-hit shutout with nine strikeouts.

Brantley 22 Highland Home 12

The Brantley Bulldogs opened up a 12-2 lead in the fourth inning and held on to claim a wild 22-12 win over Highland Home. Jordan Parks had 3 hits, scored 4 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Tyson Grant added 2 hits, scored 4 runs and had 2 rbi's; Jon Bush added 2 hits, scored 4 runs and had 1 rbi; Cooper Layton added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; JH Kilcrease added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Kaleb Weed added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Jayden Parks added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Six Brantley pitchers combined to pitch six innings and allowed six earned runs on 11 hits and four walks.

Geneva 8 New Brockton 6

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a 5-1 fourth inning lead slip away in an 8-6 loss to Geneva. Dawson Peacock had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Hayden Pope, Kyle GaVette, Payton Green and Jaxon Whitworth all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Four New Brockton pitchers combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on eight hits and two walks, while recording nine strikeouts.

Kinston 18 Pleasant Home 8

The Kinston Bulldogs scored 11 runs in the bottom of the first inning to erase an early 2-0 deficit and never lost command in an 18-8 area win over Pleasant Home. CJ Lunsford had 5 hits, including two doubles, scored 2 runs and had 5 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Owen Patterson added 2 hits, including two triples, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's; Drew Branch added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Tripp Hawthorne added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Drew Branch and CJ Lunsford combined to pitch six innings and allowed five earned runs on six hits and four walks, while striking out nine.

Northside Methodist 3 New Brockton 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks managed only three hits in a 3-2 loss to Northside Methodist. Riley Simmons had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Gabe Herrington added 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Jaxon Whitworth added 1 hit and Colton McClellan scored 1 run. Payton Green was the hard luck loser on the mound as he allowed three earned runs on eight hits, while striking out 10.

BASEBALL – JUNIOR VARSITY

Opp 3 New Brockton 1

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 3-0 early and never caught up in a 3-1 loss to Opp. Cade Kirkland had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead then Gamecocks at the plate, while Josh LaCross added 1 hit. Robert Boutwell

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High School SCOREBOARD

pitched five innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits, while striking out two.

Brantley 3 Zion Chapel 0

The Brantley Bulldogs pulled out to a 3-0 first inning lead and made it hold up in a 3-0 win over Zion Chapel. Reese Odum had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Kevin Freeman and Jackson Mitchell both scored 1 run. Chaz Branum and Reese Odum combined to pitch five innings and tossed a two-hit shutout with three strikeouts. Brayden Benbow and Gunner Jacob both had 1 hit for the Rebels, while Dylan Davis and Gunner Jacob combined to allow two earned runs on two hits and five walks.

Opp 9 New Brockton 5

The New Brockton Gamecocks used a 5-run third inning go pull even, but never found its way back to the plate in a 9-5 loss to Opp. Josh LaCross had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Brayden Crumpler added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Gavin Hand, Jacob Fisher and Dalton Holloway combined to pitch four innings and allowed one earned run on four hits and four walks, while striking out six.

Brantley 2 New Brockton 1

The Brantley Bulldogs rallied from an early 1-0 deficit to cage the New Brockton Gamecocks 2-1. Kevin Freeman had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Bulldogs, while Asa Blackmon added 1 hit. Reese Odum and Chaz Branum combined to pitch five innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits, with three strikeouts. Gavin Hand had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while James Downing added 2 hits and Robert Boutwell added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Gavin Hand and James Downing combined to pitch four innings and allowed no earned runs on no hits and four walks, while recording four strikeouts.

New Brockton 3 Geneva 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to defeat Geneva 3-2. Josh LaCross, Judd Thomas and Brody Collins all had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Colton Cain and Robert Boutwell combined to pitch five innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits and three walks.

SOFTBALL – VARSITY

Kinston 5 Samson 2

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs used a 4-run fourth inning to grab the lead and never looked back to post a 5-2 win over Samson. Cadence Elmore and Lilli Sumblin both had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Camdyn Norris added 1 hit, scored 1 run and 1 rbi, and Cameran Whigham added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Lilli Sumblin and Lauren Norris combined to pitch seven innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, while recording 12 strikeouts.

Opp 7 Brantley 6

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs fell behind 7-1 early and saw a late rally fall one run short in a 7-6 loss to Opp. Marley Kilcrease had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while AC Free added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Kaylee Navarre added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Kaitlyn Piggott added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Kaylee Navarre and AC Free combined to pitch six innings and allowed three earned runs on three hits and five walks, while striking out seven.

Pike County 19 New Brockton 0

The new Brockton Lady Gamecocks surrendered 14 first inning runs in a 19-0 loss to Pike County. Kennedy Hussey had 2 hits and Megan Eldridge added 1 hit to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kennedy Hussey and Kallie Qualls combined to pitch three innings and allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits and five walks.

Zion Chapel 20 Pike Liberal Arts 10

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels scored 4 runs in the seventh inning to pull even and then exploded for 12 runs in the eighth to outscore Pike Liberal Arts 20-10. Amber Kidd had 4 hits and scored 4 runs to lead the Lady Rebels, while Madison Meeks added 4 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Shea Wambles added 3 hits, scored 4 runs and 2 rbi's; Riley Bannin added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Emily Rhodes and Yaya Velazquez both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Sydney Boothe was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game and allowed seven earned runs on 10 hits and eight walks, while striking out seven.

Zion Chapel 22 Highland Home 12

The Zion Chapel Lady Bulldogs remained undefeated in area play with an easy 17-0 win over Pleasant Home. Lauren Norris had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Camdyn Norris added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Byrne Kelley and Aubrie Brown both scored 2 runs. Camdyn Norris pitched a three-inning no-hitter with eight strikeouts.

Northside Methodist 3 New Brockton 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks managed only three hits in a 3-2 loss to Northside Methodist. Riley Simmons had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Gabe Herrington added 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Jaxon Whitworth added 1 hit and Colton McClellan scored 1 run. Payton Green was the hard luck loser on the mound as he allowed three earned runs on eight hits, while striking out 10.

Ashford 8 Brantley 4

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs fell behind 5-1 in the second inning and never recovered in an 8-4 loss to Ashford.

Marley Kilcrease had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Emma Crawley added 2 hits. Kaylee Navarre and AC Free combined to pitch six innings and allowed four earned runs on four hits and six walks, while recording 14 strikeouts.

Opp 13 New Brockton 3

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind 10-0 in the first inning and never recovered in a 13-3 loss to Opp. Reese Danford had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Emily Peeples added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Falyn Walker added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jenna Kate Weeks pitched two and one-third innings and allowed 13 earned runs on 10 hits and 10 walks.



New Brockton Gamecock Colton McClellan (2) reaches back to tag a runner after a high throw at first base.

(Photo by Ashley Bertsch)

to pitch five and two-third innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits and nine walks.

Providence Christian 4 New Brockton 2

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled for all five innings in a 4-2 tournament loss to Providence Christian. Kierstin Sunday had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Shelby Hobbs added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Gabby Eubanks added 1 hit. Kallie Qualls pitched five innings and allowed three earned runs on six hits for New Brockton.

Northside Methodist 9 New Brockton 5

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind 8-0 in the first inning and never caught up in a 9-5 loss to Northside Methodist. Kennedy Hussey had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Shelby Hobbs added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Anna Blackman added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Kirstyn Ramirez added 1 hit. Kennedy Hussey, Kierstin Sunday and Kallie Qualls combined to pitch three innings and allowed one earned run on four hits and six walks.

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Avery Padgett, Taylor Renfroe, and Ethan Young with the five fish that helped Team Padgett/Young place second at their March 11th tournament on Lake Jordan.

Zion Chapel Bass Team reels in second place tournament finish

It was another good day Saturday, March 11, on the water of Lake Jordan for the Zion Chapel Bass Team as Team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young fished their third tournament of the season for the East Alabama High School Bass Trail. Power company in 1928; however, in 1967 Bouldin Dam was completed which impounded an adjacent basin that connects Lake Jordan by a short canal. Lake Jordan is very fertile and supports high densities of sport fish and forage species.

Most anglers, especially the Zion Chapel Bass Team, are very satisfied with the bass fishing on Lake Jordan because it has remained consistent during their four years of tournament fishing.

The ZCBT thanks Taylor Renfroe for being their captain and so many family members and community supporters for showing up for weigh-in.

The team will be back on the trail Saturday, March 25, at Lake Martin fishing the Alabama BASS Nation High School Trail Tiger Division.

COMMUNITY NEWS



ZION CHAPEL SENIOR BRADON GRANTHAM SIGNED Tuesday, March 21, to continue his football career with the Fountain City Prep Pirates, a junior college program in Prattville, Ala. The Pirates are part of the Southern Post Grad Conference in the community college system. Grantham, center, was surrounded by family as he signed to join the team after graduation in May from Zion Chapel High School.

Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying pro-

Local students, Have a safe Spring Break next week!

Wishing Our Dad a Happy 75th Birthday on Sunday, March 26th!



We Love You!! Linda & Latisha

Business of the Month:
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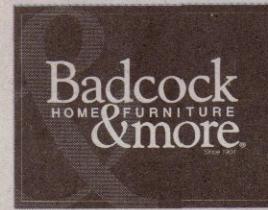


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THE 2023 MISS ZION CHAPEL QUEENS WERE CROWNED last Saturday, March 18, during pageants held at the Zion Chapel High School auditorium. The Miss Zion Chapel Pageants are sponsored by Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama. The newly crowned queens are (front, l to r): Petite Miss Zion Chapel Gracelyn Wilkerson, Little Miss Zion Chapel Brynlee Stone, Future Little Miss Zion Chapel Everleigh Sasser, and Pre-Teen Miss Zion Chapel Emma-Kate Sasser; (back, l to r) Junior Miss Zion Chapel Annseay Taylor, Miss Zion Chapel Madison Bassett, and Teen Miss Zion Chapel Ashley McKenzie.



DAVIS PASSED TO FELLOW CRAFT.. Monday night, March 20, the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 membership gathered and passed Brother Ashton Kyle Davis to a Fellow Craft. Cake was served and a good time was had by all during the gathering. Those pictured above include: (front, l to r) Matt Brunson Jr., Allan Crenshaw, Mike Amison, W/M Wendell Black, Ashton Kyle Davis, Ray Kyle, Blake Austin, Shane Goude, and Ronnie Rawls; (second row, l to r) Jim Little, Earl Smith, Matt Brunson Sr., Joshua Carnley, Justin Prescott, Dale Stewart, Joseph Bess, Mike Murphy, and Eddie Kelley; (third row, l to r) Heath Hornsby, Troy Gideon, Jerome Blackmon, Michael Phelps, Joe Daugherty, Randy Hawthorne, and Joel Moore; and (back row, l to r) Tommy Morrow, Drexell Richards, and Jack Cardine.

ALEA's Marine Patrol launches boating basics/license course

Springtime in Alabama is just around the corner, so now is the time to prepare for boating season. Marine Patrol Division Troopers in ALEA's Marine Patrol Division, who

spend time on the local waterways and discuss the particular challenges boaters may face. Anyone age 12 and older is welcome to sign up for the class as

12-year-olds are eligible to obtain a vessel operator's license for operating a vessel when accompanied by a licensed adult. At age 14, they are allowed to operate a vessel alone.

Prospective boaters who complete the course will have an opportunity to obtain a Boating Basics certificate, which is required for the boater endorsement on Alabama's driver license.

The one-day course sessions are designed to include interaction with

"Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery.

For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

Lett named to Fall Dean's List at Baylor University

More than 5,100 Baylor University students were named to the Fall 2022 Dean's Academic Honor List, including Addison Lett of Enterprise.

Students honored on the Dean's List earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.



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